

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to a service, comprising:
providing ~~at least a subset of access of~~ a directory of a plurality of services ~~[[to]]at~~
a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a
plurality of third party vendors, ~~a service at least some of~~ the plurality of services
comprising use of ~~[[a]]corresponding~~ software ~~applications; application, the providing the~~
~~at least the subset of the directory comprising:~~
receiving, from the user system, a user-specified search value of a search variable
directed to a feature indicating a type of software application of at least one service of the
services;
querying, by at least one processor, the directory of the plurality of services
according to the search value; and
identifying, by the at least one processor, ~~[[the]]a~~ subset of the services of the
directory according to the search value;
receiving a selection of one or more selected services of the ~~plurality identified~~
subset of services from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with
one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;
receiving a user identifier;
linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and
allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according
to the one or more conditions.

2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising wherein
2 ~~providing at least the subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal~~
3 ~~communicating with the user system further comprises:~~
4 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;
5 receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system;
6 ~~the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and~~
7 providing at least the subset of the directory wherein identifying the subset is
8 further based on the selected category.

1 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier
2 access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions
3 further comprises:
4 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and
5 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in
6 response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least
7 one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

1 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user identifier
2 access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions
3 further comprises:
4 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;
5 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions;
6 and
7 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one
8 or more selected services.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein allowing the user
2 identifier access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more
3 conditions ~~further comprises~~ allowing the user identifier access to the one or more
4 selected services through the portal.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A system for providing access to a service,
2 comprising:
3 a database operable to store a directory of a plurality of services; [[and]]
4 at least one processor; and
5 a service engine coupled to the database and ~~operable-executable on the at least~~
6 ~~one processor to:~~
7 provide ~~at least a subset of access of~~ the directory of the plurality of
8 services [[to]]at a portal communicating with a user system, the plurality of services
9 associated with a plurality of third party vendors, a service-at least some of the plurality
10 of services comprising use of [[a]]corresponding software applications;application, the
11 ~~providing the at least the subset of the directory comprising:~~
12 ~~receiving~~receive, from the user system, a user-specified search value of a
13 search variable directed to a feature indicating a type of software application of at least
14 one service of the services;
15 ~~querying~~query the directory of the plurality of services according to the
16 search value; [[and]]
17 ~~identifying the~~identify a subset of the services of the directory according
18 to the search value;
19 receive a selection of one or more selected services of the ~~plurality~~
20 identified subset of services from the user system, the one or more selected services
21 associated with one or more conditions governing access to the one or more selected
22 services;
23 receive a user identifier;
24 link the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and
25 allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services
26 according to the one or more conditions.

1 8. (Canceled)

1 9. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 7, the service engine ~~operable~~
2 ~~executable on the at least one processor to further provide at least the subset of the~~
3 ~~directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the user system by:~~
4 ~~providing~~provide a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;
5 ~~receiving~~receive a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user
6 ~~system, the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and~~
7 ~~providing at least the subset of the directory wherein identifying the subset is~~
8 ~~further based on the selected category.~~

1 10. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 7, the service engine ~~operable~~
2 ~~executable~~ to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services
3 according to the one or more conditions by:
4 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and
5 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in
6 response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least
7 one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 7, the service engine ~~operable~~
2 ~~executable~~ to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services
3 according to the one or more conditions by:
4 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;
5 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions;
6 and
7 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one
8 or more selected services.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 7, the service engine ~~operable~~
2 ~~executable~~ to allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services
3 according to the one or more conditions by allowing the user identifier access to the one
4 or more selected services through the portal.

1 13. (Previously Presented) Software for providing access to a service, the
2 software embodied in a medium and when executed operable to:
3 provide at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal
4 communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of
5 third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software
6 application, the providing the at least the subset of the directory comprising:
7 receive, from the user system, a user-specified search value of a search
8 variable directed to a feature indicating a type of software application of at least one
9 service of the services;
10 query the directory of the plurality of services according to the search
11 value; and
12 identify the subset of the directory according to the search value;
13 receive a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services
14 from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more
15 conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;
16 receive a user identifier;
17 link the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and
18 allow the user identifier access to the one or more selected services according to
19 the one or more conditions.

1 14. (Canceled)

1 15. (Original) The software of Claim 13, operable to provide at least the
2 subset of the directory of the plurality of services to the portal communicating with the
3 user system by:
4 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;
5 receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system,
6 the selected category comprising the subset of the directory; and
7 providing at least the subset of the directory.

1 16. (Original) The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier
2 access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:
3 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier; and
4 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in
5 response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least
6 one service furnished by at least one third party vendor.

1 17. (Original) The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier
2 access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by:
3 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;
4 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions;
5 and
6 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one
7 or more selected services.

1 18. (Original) The software of Claim 13, operable to allow the user identifier
2 access to the one or more selected services according to the one or more conditions by
3 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the portal.

1 19. (Currently Amended) A system for providing access to a service,
2 comprising:
3 means a portal for providing at least a subset of access to a directory of a plurality
4 of services ~~to a portal communicating with~~ by a user system, the plurality of services
5 associated with a plurality of third party vendors, ~~a service at least some of the plurality~~
6 of services comprising use of ~~[[a]]corresponding software applications; application, the~~
7 ~~providing the at least the subset of the directory comprising:~~
8 means for receiving, from the user system, a user-specified search value of a
9 search variable directed to a feature indicating a type of software application of at least
10 one service of the services;
11 means including at least one processor for querying the directory of the plurality
12 of services according to the search value; and
13 means including the at least one processor for identifying [[the]]a subset of the
14 directory according to the search value;
15 means including the at least one processor for receiving a selection of one or more
16 selected services of the ~~plurality-identified subset~~ of services from the user system, the
17 one or more selected services associated with one or more conditions governing access to
18 the one or more selected services;
19 means including the at least one processor for receiving a user identifier;
20 means including the at least one processor for linking the one or more selected
21 services with the user identifier; and
22 means for allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services
23 according to the one or more conditions.

1 20. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to a service,
2 comprising:
3 providing at least a subset of a directory of a plurality of services to a portal
4 communicating with a user system, the plurality of services associated with a plurality of
5 third party vendors, a service of the plurality of services comprising use of a software
6 application, the subset of a directory provided by:
7 providing a list of a plurality of categories of the plurality of services;
8 receiving a selected category of the plurality of categories from the user system;
9 receiving a user-specified search value of a search variable directed to a feature
10 indicating a type of software application of at least one service of the services, from the
11 user system;
12 querying, by at least one processor, the directory of the plurality of services
13 according to the search value;
14 identifying, by the at least one processor, the subset of the directory according to
15 the search value and to the selected category; and
16 providing at least the subset of the directory;
17 receiving a selection of one or more selected services of the plurality of services
18 from the user system, the one or more selected services associated with one or more
19 conditions governing access to the one or more selected services;
20 receiving a user identifier;
21 linking the one or more selected services with the user identifier; and
22 allowing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services through the
23 portal according to the one or more conditions, the access allowed by:
24 verifying a passcode corresponding to the user identifier;
25 providing the user identifier access to the one or more selected services in
26 response to verifying the passcode, the one or more selected services comprising at least
27 one service furnished by at least one third party vendor;
28 determining usage of access to the one or more selected services;
29 calculating compensation for the usage according to the one or more conditions;
30 and

31 providing the compensation to at least one third party vendor furnishing the one
32 or more selected services.